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1. THE POPOSITION DEMOCRATIC ACTION CONGRESS (DAC) HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE GOTT'S DECISION TO DENY AIRPORT FACILITIES TO CUBAN ARMY FLIGHTS TO ANGOLA AS "HYPOCRITICAL AND SHAMELESS." THE DAC STATEMENT APPLAUDED CUBA'S SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA IN ANGOLA AGAINST "SOUTH AFRICAN RACISM," COMMENDED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA FOR ALLEGEDLY OFFERING FACILITIES TO THE CUBAN FORCES, APPLAUDED THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY OF JAMAICA FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE MPLA, AND DECLEARED "UNEQUIVOCALLY ITS SUPPORT FOR CUBAN AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA IN ANGOLA AGAINST THE ENCROACHMENT OF THE INSIDIOUS REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA."

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A POSSIBLE VISIT TO
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO BY THE TOURING MPLA DELEGATION NOW IN

GUYANA. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE DECEMBER 30 TRINIDAD EXPRESS, DR. JOSEPH SAID "I DON'T KNOW OF ANY APPROACH BY ANY DELEGATION ABOUT COMING TO TRINIDAD." ON THE SAME DAY, TRINIDAD'S TWO MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNTS OF USG APPEALS TO GUYANA TO DENY REFUELLING RIGHTS TO CUBAN TRANSPORTS, APPARENTLY BASED ON STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 29.

3. COMMENT: THE DAC STATEMENT WAS MORE AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE CAMPAIGN CAPITAL ON AN EMOTIONAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUE THAT A SOBER POLICY DECISION. IT WAS PROBABLY THE SPECIFIC RESULT OF THE ORIENTATION OF THE PARTY'S MARXIST FOREIGN POLICY CHAIRMAN, DR. WINSTON MURRAY, WHOSE IDEOLOGICAL PRECONCEPTIONS ARE NOT UNIFORMLY SHARED BY THE REST OF THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP. IT IS NOT LIKELY, IN ANY EVENT, TO AFFECT THE GOTT'S INITIAL DECISION TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE STRUGGLE.
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